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1. In March 1954, a total of 23,759 gondola cars with Polish hard coal arrived in East Germany including 12,562 cars with 265,508 tons through the Horka border station.<sup>1</sup> During the same period, a total of 362 cars with 6,681 tons of other goods consigned to East Germany and 39 cars with 465 tons of transit goods passed through Horka.<sup>2</sup>
2. In March, a total of 1,397 railroad tank cars was loaded with liquid fuel at the Schwarzhilde hydrogenation plant near Ruhland. Of these, 756 carloads were exported.<sup>3</sup>
3. Between 1 and 14 April, 38,387 cars were loaded with brown coal and 604 cars with liquid fuel and tar in the Cottbus railroad district.

- 25X1 1. Comment. Polish hard coal shipments to East Germany are directed through Horka, Guben and, in particular, Forst. Since early 1954, no coal has been dispatched through Kuestrin. From the number of cars reported, it is inferred that hard coal imports in March amounted to about 500,000 tons, which about represents the monthly requirements of the East German railroads. In February 1954, a total of 24,954 cars with 536,303 tons of hard coal arrived from Poland.
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- 25X1 2. Comment. No Soviet shipments are directed through Horka.
- 25X1 3. Comment. It could not be determined how many of these cars carried goods for export.

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